

February 10, 1987      LB 62, 63, 96, 97, 98, 148, 178  
194, 254, 308, 313, 336, 365, 374  
389, 392, 485, 501, 508, 645, 665  
730

Revenue Committee reports 508 to General File, 730 General File. Those are signed by Senator Vard Johnson. Natural Resources reports 148 to General File with amendments, 365 General File with amendments, 501 indefinitely postponed, 645 indefinitely postponed. Those are signed by Senator Schmit. Retirement reports 308 to General File, 178 indefinitely postponed, 194 indefinitely postponed, 336 indefinitely postponed. Those signed by Senator Haberman. Banking reports 62, 63, 96, 97, 98 indefinitely postponed. Those are signed by Senator Remmers. Judiciary reports 254 to General File. That is signed by Senator Chizek. Select File, Enrollment and Review reports 374, 389, 485 and 313 and 665 to Select File and those are signed by Senator Moore. That is all that I have, Mr. President. (See pages 570-78 of the Legislative Journal for all above reports.)

#### SENATOR BARRETT PRESIDING

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. The Chair recognizes Senator Arlene Nelson followed by Senators Haberman and Lynch. Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I want to first commend Senator Miller on the amount of work that he has done with this. I tried to maybe accomplish part of what he did by telephone and I found that he physically got in the car and drove to some of these offices and I appreciate the interest and the work done and I do support Senator Miller's findings and so on. And I think this is one thing that has not been touched upon, that I want to put this as diplomatically as I can, and as Senator Miller said, some of these outstate offices are not really meeting the criteria of service that we would expect or should expect from them. From what I gathered it was...this is something that has been considered for two or three years. This is not just a decision made overnight and what we're finding that the...some of the smaller outstate offices can handle the normal routine daily business, but when issues become more complicated and more rules and understanding of the rules, then the supervisors are having to go out from the centrally located offices to handle those cases. So that is part of where the additional expense is coming in at. And by remaining 23 offices, I don't think anyone is that far in distance. And another thing then, the concern, not only the supervisors having to eventually handle considerable amount of the business in some of these offices, you realize that the food stamps are mailed out anyhow, and many of these people in distance and so on